Seizure of Fodder Machines by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

*57. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :
SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently seized 54 Fodder producing machines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that import of these Fodder machines was in violation of the ad-hoc duty exemption order;

(c) if so,what are the details in this regard ; and

(d) what steps have been taken against those who are involved in this case?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (d) The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have in January, 1990 detained 57 Fodder producing machines valued at approximately Rs. 10.8 crores on the following grounds.

(i) In respect of 50 machines, the importer M/s. Sanjeevani Fodder Production Pvt. Ltd. had apparently not observed the conditions of the adhoc exmption order under which these machines and their spares had been imported.

(ii) 5 machines were apparently fabricated from the spares imported along with the above fifty machies in contravention of the *adhoc* exemption order and

(iii) No documents were produced showing ilicit import of 2 machines.

A show cause notice has since been issued by the Collector of Customs, Madras on 12-2-90 seeking the recovery of customs duty of about Rs. 3.4 crores leviable on the above machines, confiscation of the machines as well as imposition of penalty on the concerned firms/persons.

Export commitment of Pepsi Foods

*58. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY :

SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express of 10th February, 1990 regarding Pepsi Project ;

(b) if so, whether all the exports through Pepsi World Trade are to be taken into account for the export commitment of Pepsi Foods ; and

(c) what are the items of exports which are likely to go towards fulfilling the export commitments?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) One of the conditions of the Letter of Intent granted to

M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited is that the project shall export 50% of its total turnover each year for a period of 10 years from commencement of commercial production of which 40% will be from the company's own manufactured products and 10% from Select List products manufactured by others.

This export obligation is required to be fulfilled by M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd.

निर्वाचन विधि

*59. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हाल ही में संपन्न विधानसभा चुनावों के दौरान निष्पक्ष तथा न्यायपूर्ण मतदान कराने में प्रशासन को पेश आई अड़चनों को देखते हुए सरकार द्वारा निर्वाचन संबंधी वर्तमान नियमों में संशोधन किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री, साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी): (क) और (ख) जी हां। सरकार न केवल विद्यमान नियमों का बल्कि सुसंगत अधिनियमों और संविधान का भी संशोधन करके, विस्तृत निर्वाचन सुधार करना चाहती हैं। प्रधान मंत्री ने इस प्रयोजन के लिए 9 जनवरी, 1990 को एक सर्वदलीय सम्मेलन आयोजित किया था। इस सम्मेलन में दिए गए सुझावों के अनुसरण में, एक समिति जिसमें विभिन्न राजनीतिक दलों के प्रतिनिधि और इस विषय के कुछ अन्य विद्वान व्यक्ति हैं, 19 जनवरी, 1990 को नियुक्त की गई है। यह समिति इस विषय से संबंधित विभिन्न प्रस्तावों पर विचार-विमर्श कर रही है।

Removal of Anomaly in the Pay Scale of Assistants

*60. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the case relating to removal of anomaly in the pay scales of Assistants is under Government's consideration ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) by when orders for the grant of pay scale of Rs. 1640-2900 effective from 1st January, 1986 to the Assistants are likely to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (c) The representations regarding revision of pay scale of Assistants from Rs. 1400-2600 to Rs. 1640-2900 are under consideration of the Government and final decision in this regard are expected to be taken soon.

Banning political parties and candidates with religious and sectarian appeal from contesting elections

278. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to separate religion from politics Government propose to ban all political parties and candidates with religious and sectarian appeal from contesting elections ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) No,